

Rachel's Network 2022 Annual Meeting
March 28-30, 2022; Washington, DC
DRAFT AGENDA – DETAILS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTIVITIES ONLY

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

- 1-2 pm** **OPTIONAL TOUR OF RACHEL'S NETWORK OFFICE SPACE (under construction)**
World Wildlife Building, 1250 24th Street NW, Suite 610
- 3-5 pm** **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
Eaton Workshop, 1201 K Street, NW
Sidney Board Room
- 6-9 pm** **BOARD COCKTAIL RECEPTION & PRIVATE DINNER**
[*Fathom Gallery, 1333 14th Street, NW*](#)

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, MARCH 28

- 6:30 am** **SUNRISE WALK TO NATIONAL MALL (OPTIONAL)**
Join Rachel's Network staff on an urban walk to the Lincoln Memorial to see the sunrise. Choose between a 90-minute, 4-mile round trip walk or a 45-minute, 2-mile one-way walk with cab/rideshare back to the hotel. Attendees are also invited to skip the walk and rideshare directly to the memorial at 7:15 am.
Meet in Eaton DC lobby for 6:30 am departure
- 8:15-9 am** **SOCIAL BREAKFAST**
Eaton DC, Crystal Room
- 9-10:30 am** **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**
President **Fern Shepard** and Board Chair **Kef Kasdin** welcome members and guests to Washington, DC. Attendees introduce themselves and their funding passions.
Eaton DC, Crystal Room
- 10:30-10:45 am** **NETWORKING AND SNACKS**
Eaton DC, Crystal Room Hallway
- 10:45 am-12:15 pm** **STATE OF THE FIELD**
Join League of Conservation Voters Senior Vice President of Government Affairs **Tiernan Sittenfeld** in conversation with Coming Clean's Environmental Justice Health Alliance National Co-Director **Michelle Roberts** to learn about environmental issues, policies, and advocacy at the national level.
Eaton DC, Crystal Room
- 12:15-12:30** **BREAK**
- 12:30 pm** **Walk to Lincoln Restaurant**

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SOCIAL LUNCH

Lincoln Restaurant, Flag and Emancipation Rooms, 1110 Vermont Avenue, NW

2:00-2:45 pm

BREAK

2:45-4:15 pm

MAKING PROGRESS AT THE STATE AND LOCAL LEVEL

New Virginia Majority Co-Executive Director **Tram Nguyen**, Women's Democracy Lab Co-Director **Muthoni Wambu-Kraal**, and Hispanic Federation Vice President of Policy and Advocacy **Laura Esquivel** (invited) discuss the intersection of voting rights, civic engagement, and environmental advocacy. Moderated by environmental justice activist and 2020 Catalyst Awardee **Jennifer Nguyen Moore**.

Co-sponsored by Rachel's Action Network
Eaton DC, Crystal Room

4:15-4:30 pm

BREAK

4:30-6 pm

COMMUNITY TEA & CRAFT SESSION

After a day of learning, engage the left side of your brain with a watercolor class led by local artist [Nora Avelleyra Lieberman](#). Share this relaxing experience with Rachel's Network Catalyst Awardees. No experience necessary and all materials are supplied. Organized by [ShopMadeInDC](#).
Eaton DC, Crystal Room

6-6:40

BREAK

6:40

Walk to Hamilton Restaurant

7-9:30 pm

OPENING KEYNOTE DINNER: PHILANTHROPY AND POLITICS

Former Congresswoman and current Congressional candidate **Donna Edwards** (D-MD) joins former Sierra Club President and Rachel's Network Member **Loren Blackford** in a discussion about politics, democracy, environmental protection, voter engagement, women's leadership, and philanthropy.

Hosted by Rachel's Action Network
The Hamilton, Loft, 600 14th Street, NW, Group Entrance, F Street

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

8:30-10 am

BREAKFAST ROUNDTABLES

Join Rachel's Network members and guests to discuss shared topics of interest over breakfast.
Eaton DC, Crystal Room

10:00-10:15 am

BREAK

10:15 am-12:15 pm

CONVERSATION WITH RACHEL'S NETWORK CATALYST AWARDEES

In a fireside chat format, Catalyst Awardees share their work with Rachel's Network members and guests.

Eaton DC, Crystal Room

12:15-1:15 pm

SOCIAL LUNCH WITH CATALYST AWARDEES

Eaton DC, Crystal Room

1:15-2:15 pm

SCAVENGER HUNT (OPTIONAL)

Explore downtown Washington, DC on a self-guided scavenger hunt (instructions provided).

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2:30-4:00 pm

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE: NEXT GENERATION MOVEMENT BUILDERS

Youth climate movement builders talk about intergenerational justice and fighting for the future of our planet. Featuring Our Climate National Youth Fellow **Simoni Mishra**, Zero Hour Art Director **Nadia Nazar** (invited), and National Young Farmers Coalition Policy Climate Campaigns Director **Lotanna Obodozie** (invited). Moderated by Our Climate Executive Director **Jasmine Sanders**.

Eaton DC, Crystal Room

4:00-4:15 pm

NETWORKING AND SNACKS

Eaton DC, Crystal Room Hallway

4:15-6 pm

BREAK

6-7 pm

COCKTAIL HOUR

What makes you feel empowered the change the world? Wear it to this lively social cocktail hour with environmental leaders from across the country.

Eaton DC, Salon

7-10 pm

CATALYST AWARD CELEBRATION DINNER

The [Rachel's Network Catalyst Award](#) provides women environmental leaders of color with a monetary prize, networking opportunities, and public recognition. Celebrate the 2019-2021 awardees during an uplifting dinner emceed by [The Hive Fund for Climate and Gender Justice](#) Co-Director **Melanie Allen** with musical guests **Crys Matthews** and **Heather Mae**.

Eaton DC, Beverly Snow Room*

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

9:00-10:45 am

CLOSING KEYNOTE BREAKFAST: THE FUTURE OF PUBLIC LANDS

Learn about the Biden Administration's land and water conservation efforts from Bureau of Land Management Director **Tracy Stone-Manning** and what funders can do to support public lands. Introduction by Hispanic Access Foundation Executive Director **Maite Arce**. Featuring a performance by youth poet **Clarke Dickens**.
Eaton DC, Salon

10:45-11 am

BREAK/CHECK-OUT

11:00-12:30

REFLECTION SESSION

Reflect on lessons learned from this meeting with fellow members and set intentions for future work.
Eaton DC, Salon

12:30-2pm

SOCIAL LUNCH

Enjoy lunch with members, guests, and Catalyst Awardees before heading home.
Eaton DC, Salon

[*Who was Beverly Snow? Read more here.](#)